in consultation with the other concerned agencies like the DESU, DWS and SDU etc. Who are involved in the development of land and provision of infrastructure. As soon as the scheme is finalised applications for allotment of land from these societies will be invited through an advertisement in the press. It will not be possible to say at this stage as to when the allotment will be made about the number of societies that will be covered.

Impact of export Import Policy of Foodgrain on Agricultural Production

2255. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the impact of the proposed import-export policy of foodgrains for 1988—91 on agricultural products in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): Import-Export policy for 1989—91 so far as it relates to agricultural products is based on pragmatic considerations. Government has finalised proposals for import of two million tonnes of wheat and seven lakh tonnes of rice during the current year. These imports have been resorted to in order to replenish buffer stocks. This is in addition to small quantities of foodgrains being imported by World Food Programme—a UN agency for distribution in projects being assisted by WFP. About six lakh tonnes of maize is also being imported.

These imports do not affect agricultural production in the country. In fact, for the year 1988-89, a higher target of 166 million tonnes for foodgrains production has been fixed.

Production and Import of Rice

2256. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to *Unstarred Question* 451 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1988 and state:

(a) the total production of rice during the last two years;

(b) whether the rice production is not adequate to meet the demand; and

(c) if so, the reasons for which Government propose to import the rice?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The all-India production of rice during the years 1986-87 and 1987-88 has been estimated at 60.42 million tonnes and 55.78 million tonnes (Provisional) respectively.

(b) There has been shortfall in the rice production during the year 1987-88.

(c) Imports have been made to replenish the buffer stocks.

Problem of Slum in Urban areas

2257. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a press news-item captioned "Urban areas may turn slums" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 14th July, 1988;

(b) whether the experts in the field of urbanisation have expressed that the country will be reduced to a big slum by 2000 A.D. unless aggressive process is persued; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?